

enterprise system and the importance of higher education, community service, and the vision and determination to achieve a better future. These are the ideals that serve as Fred's North Star.

Throughout his career, Fred has exemplified the best of American exceptionalism. In addition to his time in the private sector, Fred has spent decades giving back to his community, whether through his time as the chairman of the Inova Health System Foundation or through his participation on the board of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts. Additionally, and one of my personal favorites, Fred is a recipient of the Loudoun Laurels award and the Loudoun County Boy Scouts' Good Scout award.

I would also like to congratulate his wife Karen for her contributions to these causes over the decades. I know firsthand how important a supportive partner like Karen can be, and I am so pleased that you both are recognized in such an appropriate manner for your efforts.

Congratulations.●

RECOGNIZING SER FAMILIA

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to commend and celebrate Ser Familia, an organization in Atlanta focused on helping Georgia's Latino families gain the tools and resources to solve challenges and flourish in their communities.

Natives of Puerto Rico, Belisa and Miguel Urbina cofounded Ser Familia in 2001. For more than 20 years, Ser Familia's vision to assist Latino families reach their full potential and become contributing members of their communities has changed the lives of hundreds of families across Georgia. From teaching youth character building and leadership skills to offering counseling services on behavioral and mental health, Ser Familia continues to expand its positive impact on the Latino community by developing programs that are tailored to address the greatest needs of youth, couples, parents, and families.

As I have said before, the State of Georgia is home to a vibrant and diverse Latino community, and I am grateful for the extraordinary contributions of people like Belisa and Miguel Urbina who work tirelessly every single day to guarantee that all members of the Latino community have access to opportunities that help them thrive. I have enjoyed working closely with Belisa and Miguel to deliver the resources to help Ser Familia open a family resource center in Clayton County, helping expand their comprehensive services to the community.

I join with our Latino community to commemorate the remarkable work and contributions of Ser Familia to the Atlanta community, the State of Georgia, and the United States. Their leadership is a reminder of the outstanding contributions of Latino Americans who

are committed to moving Georgia and our country forward.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to recognize and commend Belisa and Miguel Urbina for their service on behalf of Georgia's Latino families and congratulate them on Ser Familia's success.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. EVANS P. WHITAKER

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from South Carolina, it is my pleasure to honor Dr. Evans P. Whitaker, who has dedicated his life and career to our State and the advancement of Anderson University. In November of 2002, Dr. Whitaker assumed the presidency of Anderson University following nearly two decades in higher education leadership, where he served at Gardner-Webb University, Wingate University, and Belmont University. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating 20 years of outstanding service from Dr. Whitaker and Anderson's first lady, Diane Whitaker.

Under his leadership, Anderson University has evolved into the largest private university in the State. Dr. Whitaker also led the efforts to create the South Carolina School of Arts, a premier arts conservatory, to establish the school of nursing and to form the college of engineering. In addition to new degree programs, Anderson has experienced consistent growth in enrollment, freshman retention, and campus acreage. His visionary leadership has allowed innovation to enhance education and the quality of life in our State.

Anderson University's beautiful campus is a resource to the upstate and our State. Home to the Rocky River Conservancy, Anderson promotes conservation, outdoor recreation, and educational opportunities for the community. Clearly bearing the personal touch of Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker are the beautiful buildings, picturesque Alumni Lawn and enhancements across campus that Anderson students and residents alike enjoy.

For 20 years, Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker have helped Anderson University reach new heights of success through increased academic offerings, higher rankings, and solid institutional ratings. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Whitaker has been recognized in Anderson and across South Carolina for his leadership, unwavering service, and vast contributions to our great State. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker on this distinction and for reaching this significant milestone. Thank you for your excellent stewardship of Anderson University.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members to the House Communications Standards Commission: Mr. CAREY of Ohio, Mr. LATTA of Ohio, and Mrs. CAMMACK of Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. MAST of Florida, Mrs. STEEL of California, Mr. ZINKE of Montana, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. HUDSON of North Carolina, Mrs. SPARTZ of Indiana, and Mr. LAWLER of New York.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 532. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-495. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural eConnectivity Program" (RIN0572-AC62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-496. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updates to Servicing Requirements for Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans" (RIN0570-AB08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate

on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-497. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 306C Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) Loans and Grants" (RIN0572-AC55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-498. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10566-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-499. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—Decrease in Assessment Rate and Importer Assessments" (Docket No. AMS-LP-22-0032) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-500. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peptide Derived from Harpin Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10572-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-501. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan that was declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-502. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-503. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-504. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14014 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14064 with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-506. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-507. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-508. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 with respect to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-509. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13288 with respect to Zimbabwe; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-510. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (12 CFR Part 1083) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-511. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-512. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Performance Plan and Report, and Budget Overview (FY 2023)"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 527. A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 528. A bill to require a standard financial aid offer form, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 529. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the impaneling of a new jury if a jury fails to recommend by unanimous vote a sentence for conviction of a crime punishable by death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 530. A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 531. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BAR-RASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. LUM-MIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. LEE, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CAS-SIDY, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 532. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; read the first time.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 533. A bill to assist employers providing employment under special certificates issued under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 in transforming their business and program models to models that support people with disabilities through competitive integrated employment, to phase out the use of such special certificates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. LUJAN):

S. 534. A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BAR-RASSO, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 535. A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 536. A bill to authorize the confiscation of assets of the Russian Federation and the use of such assets to offset costs to the United States of assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 537. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 538. A bill to prohibit the removal of Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until Cuba satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.